

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

## \* ARIZONA DRUG COURT MONTH \*

**WHEREAS**, drug courts combine judicial accountability and evidence-based treatment to effectively intervene in cases of substance abuse related crime; and

**WHEREAS**, results of more than 100 program evaluations and at least four experimental studies have yielded definitive evidence that drug courts are demonstratively effective and significantly improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce crime, and produce greater cost benefits than other justice strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance-abuse treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and community supervision personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders and others dedicated to the movement have had a profound impact within their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the drug court movement has grown from the twelve original drug courts in 1994 to 2100 operational drug courts as of December 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, through funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Access to Recovery Grant, Arizona has expanded Drug Court Clinical Treatment and Recovery Support Services through Maricopa, Pima, and Yavapai Drug Courts; and

**WHEREAS**, in support of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals the State of Arizona celebrates and recognizes the work and dedication of Drug Courts;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2008 as

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and call upon the people of Arizona to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and celebrations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Janet Napolitano*

GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirtieth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

**ATTEST:**

*Janice K. Brewer*  
Secretary of State

